

Links to Information on Metadata

The following list represents just a few of the sites that contain general information about metadata.

Formal Metadata – Information and Tools. Start with this site. It has a wealth of good information to get you going, including links to download the metadata parser (mp) and "chew 'n spit" (cns) programs.

(<http://geology.usgs.gov/tools/metadata/>)

Federal Geographic Data Committee. These folks wrote the standard.
(www.fgdc.gov)

NOAA Coastal Services Center
(www.csc.noaa.gov/metadata/)

National States Geographic Information Council. "Metadata Primer – A 'How To' Guide on Metadata Implementation."
(www.lic.wisc.edu/metadata/metaprimer.htm)

National Biological Information Infrastructure (NBII) Metadata Standards
(www.nbii.gov/datainfo/metadata/standards/index.html)

Montana State Library Natural Resource Information System GIS
(<http://nris.state.mt.us/gis/other.html>)

The links below lead to data clearinghouse sites. This sampling will give you a feel for the variety of search interfaces possible.

NOAA Coastal Services Center Coastal Information Directory
(www.csc.noaa.gov/CID/)

Nebraska Geospatial Data Clearinghouse
(www.nol.org/lsite/GEOgateway.html)

Alaska State Geo-spatial Data Clearinghouse
(<http://agdc.usgs.gov/AGDCgateway.html>)

Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Network (Canada)
(<http://metadata.cciw.ca/>)

Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Research and Development's (ORD) Environmental Information Management System (EIMS)
(www.epa.gov/eims/eims.html)

Florida Data Directory
(<http://als.dms.state.fl.us/fdd/index.html>)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
(<http://corpsgeo1.usace.army.mil>)

This site offers a free, useful conversion tool.

Degrees, minutes, and seconds converter
(www.mentorsoftwareinc.com/freebie/free1198.htm)

NBII Information

Integrated Taxonomic Information System (ITIS)
(<http://www.itis.usda.gov>)

Online metadata workbook

(<http://lagic.lsu.edu/metadataworkbook/>)